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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT: Antarctica Project

geologist, head of one of the  
Antarctic scientific forces  
→ Dr. Stiple

1. [ ] called today for discussion on the Antarctica Project and also to advise of a proposal made by Mr. Paul Steipel of the OCB Antarctic Working Group. He stated that at the last meeting of the OCB Mr. Steipel had pointed out that during the preparation of the NIS, which is scheduled for submission to this Office by 1 February, most of the knowledgeable people on the Antarctic Area project would be in the Antarctic Area with return scheduled for about 1 March 1956. Mr. Steipel expressed the view that it would be highly desirable to have the NIS manuscript reviewed by some of these knowledgeable people before it went into final print, and his first suggestion was that it might be possible to withhold publication until their return, and that they then be given the opportunity to examine the manuscript. [ ] said that he pointed out that the deadline was set for 1 February and that he was sure that it was the intention of OBI to publish it just as soon as possible thereafter.

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2. Mr. Steipel then suggested that it was quite possible that he could arrange to have the manuscript flown to the Antarctica for review. [ ] said that he took the position that this would be a matter for the NIS Committee to act upon and that he would discuss the matter with you.

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3. It was brought out in the discussion with [ ] that Mr. Steipel had indicated that their interest was largely in the Chapter II material and that there would probably be little interest in the other elements. I told [ ] that it was my personal view that any arrangements made would be a matter to be taken up directly with Navy, since they are the coordinator of Chapter II and it was in their province to effect such arrangements as they deemed desirable for the review of any of their material by members of Admiral Byrd's expeditionary forces. I further expressed the personal view that any such coordination with members of the Byrd forces could only result in divergent opinions which would be difficult, if not impossible to reconcile. [ ] said that he would suggest to Mr. Steipel that the matter be discussed directly with Navy. I told him that I would like to pass the information regarding this request on to Capt. Styles so that he would have an opportunity to chart his course in the matter before Steipel got to him.

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 ... 4. I can't help but have the feeling that this is tied in in some way  
 with Lieut. Hampton's request which I covered in a separate memorandum.  
 To me it has all the earmarks of Adm. Byrd wanting to get in there and  
 have a voice on what is finally presented in the NIS on the Antarctica.  
 From the Navy's reaction to Lieut. Hampton's request it is doubtful that  
 Mr. Steipel's suggestion will receive a favorable reception in Navy.

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